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## Scholarship Recipients Announced

Forty-one Tilden students have been announced as New York State Regents Scholarship winners by the Guidance Department earlier this month. Thirty-four alternate winners were also disclosed. Semi-finalists in the Westinghouse Scholarship contest and the two finalists in the Merit Scholarship Program have also been named.

Arnold Fleischer and Peter Smith have been named finalists in the 1960-61 National Merit Scholarship Program competition and have been awarded Certificates of Merit. The seniors attained finalist status by their distinguished performance on two tests and upon endorsement by their high school. About six-tenths of one per cent of the seniors in each state received the awards. Approximately 9,800 students in the 50 states and in United States territories were honored.

"The Certificate of Merit winners represent our most valuable national resource, our talented youth," said John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. "These exceptionally able students deserve the recognition and encouragement of every citizen concerned with the future of America."

### Westinghouse Scholarship

Alan Kay, Phillip Phillips, Jerold Rosenbaum, and William Wertheim have attained the level of semi-finalists in the Westinghouse Scholarship competition. Participating in this contest with 3,991 students from all over the country, these Tildenites had worked on their projects, necessary for eligibility, for at least a term. Mr. Berman, head of the Science Department, has announced that preparations are in order for next year's exam in Tilden's Westinghouse Research Club, under the direction of Mr. Anger.

### Regents Scholarships

The Regents Scholarship winners for June, 1961 are as follows: James Bisbee, Michael Borsuk, Marilyn Bresler, Jill Considine, Lewis Cooper-Smith, Mitchell Feigenbaum, Arnold Fleischer, Robert Friedland, Melvin Gale, Neal Gelfand, Ronnie Goldstein, Irwin Goldstein, Edwin Goodgold, Marc Hoffnagel, Richard Josephson, Richard Karp, Alan Kay, Beverly Kerish, Robert Kessler, Sharon Klinowitz, Jack Koepfel, Marion Lehrer, Jay Lerman, Barton Lilienthal, Gerald Miller, Michael Olan, John Reibetanz, Rachel Reich, Robert Reiser, Leonard Robbins, Joseph Rosen, Jerold Rosenbaum, Gary Rosenshied, Sharon Rosenfeld, Susan Rothberg, Marilyn Rothkopf, Michele Rowe, Peter Smith, Craig Vogel, William Wertheim, and Ronald Yang.

Winners of the Engineering, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics Scholarships were: Michael Borsuk, Mitchell Feigenbaum, Robert Kessler, Jay Lerman, Leonard Robbins, Jerold Rosenbaum, and Peter Smith. Arnold Fleischer is an alternate.

There were a total of 7,381 Regents College Scholarships awarded this year. The number allocated to each county is determined by the ratio of the number of high school graduates in each county to the total number of high school graduates in the State last year. The holder of each of these scholarships will be entitled to an annual award of \$250 to \$700.

## Senior Classic

Senior Classic wants you!

Tilden's yearbook, the *Senior Classic*, whose theme this year will be "A Backward Glance—A Forward Look," is seeking students who have writing ability and are willing to submit articles for publication. Editor-in-Chief Howard Kalmaer and Literary Editor Cara Brownfeld want original pieces dealing with Tilden, its clubs, its students, etc., rather than stories dealing with unrelated topics.

Staff positions are still open on the *Classics* staff. Those who wish to join may see the editors or Mr. Hochman, faculty advisor. Deadline for all articles is March 30, 1961.

## Students Compete In U.N. Contest

A nation-wide contest on the United Nations and its work, sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations, was participated in by twenty-eight students in Tilden's library on February 16, 1961.

Supervised by Mr. Muraskin, and administered from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M., the test consisted of fifty short answer questions and three essays. Students who participated were obliged to register last term, at which time they received a study kit from the organization.

Certificates of honor will be awarded to the two students handing in the best papers. These students will then vie on city, state, and national levels. First prize is a choice of either five hundred dollars or a trip to Europe. Second prize consists of a trip to Mexico. Other prizes will be awarded at local levels.

## Central Sing Relates Officers; Horn, Seidner: Co-Commissioners

Mr. Alfred Weil, faculty advisor of Central Sing, has announced the appointment of Pearl Horn and Evelyn Seidner as Sing's new co-commissioners. Ilana Silverman and Fred Cains will fill the positions of secretary and treasurer, respectively. Ellen Sirota has been selected as Soph Advisor.

Both of the new co-commissioners are in their junior year and Evelyn was secretary of last year's Sing. The commissioners make decisions and suggestions regarding scripts and are responsible for the policy of Sing.

The applicants were screened by a committee of eight composed of Mr. Joel Dick, Mr. Everett Kerner, Mr. Alfred Weil, and the five outgoing members of Central Sing. They were judged on their ideas, enthusiasm, scholastic standings, and the quality of their criticism of the last Sing.



From left to right: Fred Cains, Pearl Horn, Evelyn Seidman, Ilana Silverman.

In regard to the question of the rumored bias of the judges, Mr. Weil feels that a brief conference with the judges before the event might clear up the issue. He also suggested that the scoring system might be reviewed in order to prevent the possibility of one judge having the power to determine the outcome of the competition. However, he insisted that there is no tradition of Senior victory or predetermination in the scoring.

When asked how the juniors and sophomores should go about trying to triumph over the older and more experienced seniors next year, Mr. Weil stressed the importance of cooperation and of having a central theme, rather than scattered skits with little connection between them.

## Young Ambassadors Visit Puerto Rico

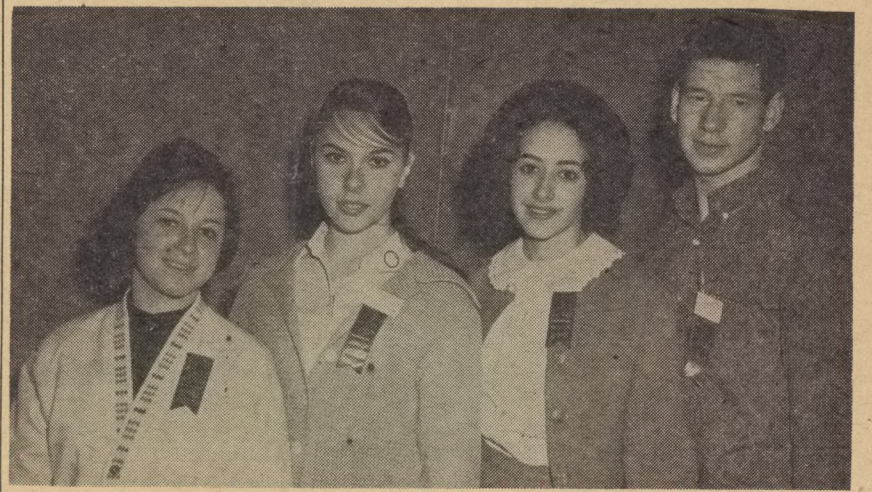
"Puerto Rico has one of the most gorgeous climates in the world. The ocean and the mountains are beautiful. It is a vacationer's paradise."

This was one of the many feelings expressed by twelve New York high school students who visited Puerto Rico as "goodwill ambassadors" during last year's Christmas vacation. Speaking enthusiastically of their trip at a special press conference on January 30 with editors from the city's high school newspapers, they expressed the hope that their experiences would help to create better understanding of newcomers to New York City.

In Puerto Rico, the students visited government officials, schools, public housing projects, and new factories. On the island, they saw the achievements of Puerto Rico's economic development program, "Operation Bootstrap," which has resulted in over 600 new factories and 47,000 new jobs in the last decade and a half. A tour of the island gave them the opportunity to see farm lands, small towns, and the mountainous areas in the center of Puerto Rico. On January 2, they attended the inauguration of Governor Luis Marin beginning his fourth term as the island's first elected governor.

Selected on the basis of scholarship, service, and leadership, the students were accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Covello. Dr. Covello, Educational Consultant to the Migration Division of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, has said that the program of Christmas trips to Puerto Rico has proved so valuable that it is expected to be continued in the future.

## Seniors Elect Leaders; Rubin, Kozak-Pres., V.P.



From left to right: Jane Goren, Gail Fleisher, Suzanne Kozak, Harvey Rubin.

Elections for the Senior Officers of this term's graduating class were held on Thursday, February 16. Harvey Rubin, 8L; Suzanne Kozak, 8R; Gail Fleisher, 8D; and Jane Goren, 8T, were elected president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

Harvey is a member of Arista and has the third highest scholastic average of the Seniors. As a member of the football team, Harvey played a key role in their success this season. He is also a member of the Math Team and intends to become an electrical engineer.

As vice-president, Suzanne will automatically become Editor-in-Chief of the *Senior News*. Suzanne is a member of Arista, the Senior Band, and Sing for three years. She plans to enter the field of psychology.

Gail is a Tilden Twirler and a member of Sing.

Jane, an Aristonian, is the Spanish editor of *Polyglot*, and has participated in Sing and Caravan.

Mr. Benjamin Diamond, Senior Class Advisor, wants to express his gratitude to the Senior Class for electing what promises to be an excellent slate of officers.

Elections were held in the Senior official classes on Feb. 18, 1961 and winners were announced Friday, February 19.

Harvey Rubin, as president of the Senior Class, will deliver the Salutatory Address at graduation.

As president, Harvey Rubin will take charge of all social activities for the Senior class. Suzanne Kozak, V.P., will aid the president in his functions. Gail Fleisher, secretary, will take the minutes of the Senior meetings and treasurer Jane Goren is in charge of all financial activities in the Senior class.

## Mrs. Miller Plans Drama Presentation

David Shaw's *Native Dancer*, a play about an aspiring ballerina, will be presented in the Tilden auditorium March 1 and March 8 under the direction of Mrs. Patricia Miller of the Speech Department.

Shirley Kochendorfer, played by Sharon Barell of 6B, is the young woman who wants to become a great ballerina, and doesn't want to marry her fiancé because she feels that it will keep her from her ambition.

But the story doesn't end there. Her fiancé dentist, Dr. Max Binder, played by Robert Safirstein of 8K, has a patient who is a famous producer of the ballet. So Shirley continues her engagement with Max in order to meet the producer, Oscar Miller, played by Henry Garvin of 8L. She hopes that this tryst will help her to advance her career.

Supporting characters include Shirley's mother, played by Linda August of 6H; Frances, Shirley's co-worker at the luncheonette, played by Cynthia Scharf of 6M. Jill Considine is assistant manager.

## Traffic Problems Spur New Programs

"Safe driving is up to YOU" is one of a slew of slogans, urging cautious driving, which have frequently been appearing all over the country with little apparent effect. Today, however, almost one million teenagers, in over eleven hundred junior and senior high schools, are being shown the need for and the methods of improvement of the traffic situation, in an attempt to bring down the high tolls of deaths which automobile accidents are claiming daily.

These students, and their respective schools, are enrolled in the National Student Traffic Safety Program, which is run by teen-agers. Supported by The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, and administered by the NEA (National Education Association), the group is now involved in a national student movement, the purpose of which is to enroll new members.

The schools already involved in the NSTSP have safety clubs or commissions which are continuously working on different projects and activities that affect the entire student body as well as the surrounding community. Gus Blanchard, a senior in Central Park High School in Phoenix, Arizona and the president of the association, has stated that "through the efforts of these groups, many new drivers are being brought to the realization that a great deal of responsibility accompanies the privilege of driving."

Membership in the NSTSP is open to all interested student groups in junior and senior high schools. Upon receipt of the enrollment form, which has been sent to all schools, nationwide, school groups become members in the National Student Safety Association and receive free of charge all the materials needed to carry out their responsibilities.

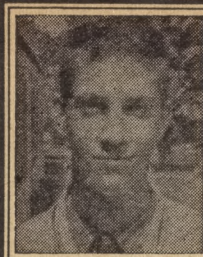
Interested students in Tilden who would like to explore the possibilities of joining this organization may write to:

National Education Association  
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.









## ON THE SIDELINES

with Arnold Fleischer

Over the years, the Tilden track team, coached by Mr. Joe Solomon, has been one of the school's most consistently good performers. Against the roughest competition in New York, the Solomen have always come through admirably. For a glimpse of the nucleus of the present track team, look below.



Clockwise from top left: John Donnelly, Anthony Angelo, Fred Nocella (Captain), Jim Bisbee (Captain), Bob Cope, Willie Bright, and Larry Moss.

### Errors Compounded

Displaying lack of planning, the P.S.A.L. recently announced the abandonment of the fall-spring tennis season which it had planned for this year. The P.S.A.L. had instituted this program in September, and, unfortunately, it was a resounding failure . . . Tennis is definitely not a game to be played in the midst of intermittent rain and cold.

### Unsung Players

There are a great many reserves on the basketball team who don't play regularly and have little chance to achieve recognition. During the Westinghouse game, however, in which the *Blue Devils* were victorious, 77-48, Coach Jerry Gold allowed these boys to play. In response to an earlier promise, here is how they did. Larry Roth and Dave Fessler netted four points apiece. Chuck Cain, Elliott Lampert, Steve Bain, Joe Gagliardi, and Fred Werner each scored two points, while both Stan Elson and Mark Rosenwasser played but didn't score.

### Change in Management

Mr. Joe Solomon recently appointed Alan Kay to the new post of Student Manager of Athletics. Previously a member of the field squad, Alan now has one of the most extensive and important student jobs in Tilden. He will serve as Mr. Solomon's assistant, and he will be in charge of all athletic activities at Tilden. In addition to being chief coordinator of all home athletic events, Alan is also in charge of the field squad.

Alan's other extra-curricular activities at Tilden include his services as ex-Arista coaching chairman and present Arista treasurer. He is also a member of the swimming team.

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## Coach Ginsberg Holds Positive Outlook Concerning 1961 'Nine'

Starting his 26th year at the helm of the Tilden baseball team, Coach Herman Ginsberg is the picture of confidence as he puts his squad through their early season paces in preparation for the coming campaign. Last year, the *Blue Devils* suffered a succession of tough defeats and wound up mired in fourth place in Brooklyn Division I.

By getting a quick start in 1961, Coach Ginsberg hopes to have the boys hit a peak effort by the time opening day rolls around. The material is there, as is the potential, and it will be up to the ball players to produce.

### FLASH!

With Tilden cage coach Jerry Gold bringing forth the vital information, the High School Games Committee overruled a previous PSAL decision and declared that Wingate High forfeit all games won during the season for using an ineligible ball player.

The result of the announcement left Tilden and Midwood deadlocked for Brooklyn II second place honors. The Committee directed the squads to play a tie-breaking game, although the winner would not go to the Garden, since it would upset the tournament schedule. The *Goldmen* now own an impressive 13-4 season log, while Wingate's 14-5 record goes by the boards.

Returning veterans include captains Al Ziperstein, a third baseman-right fielder who topped the club in batting last year with a .591 average, pitcher Neal Silverman, the bulwark of the staff last year, and catcher Nick Martin.

Other battle-worn campaigners are outfielders Rick Besmanoff, Ronnie Bley, Dennis Chakin, Billy Conk, Ward Johnson, and Steve Swidler; infielders Richie Beckelman, Joe Gagliardi, and Artie Maisano; catchers John Hyland, Dave Jablon, and newcomer George Pena, who also plays outfield; and pitchers Frank DiBlasi, Stan and Stu Miller, Bobby Rosenthal, and Bobby Silver.

Coach Ginsberg has also selected 17 boys who impressed him during late session tryouts. These third-termers will have a chance to make the varsity next month.

## Cagers Whip Midwood, 60-50; Lose To Erasmus, Middies

Led by the remarkable offensive display of junior Richie Eigen, Jerry Gold's injury-riddled Tilden cagers kept their slim playoff hopes alive by crushing Midwood, 60-50.

Richie, hitting on long jump shots from all parts of the court, paced the team in scoring with 18 points, 7 field goals and a perfect 4 for 4 from the foul line. Backcourtters Birdie Kranz and Wayne Rosen also scored well, getting 14 and 12.

Following this resounding victory, the *Blue Devils* met defeat at the hands of an unbeaten Erasmus squad 71-52. Bill Cunningham, in his Erasmus finale, scored 27 points while little Charley Donovan accumulate 14 markers. Wayne Rosen, who flipped in 17 in a fine effort, and Richie Eigen, who also netted 17, tried their best but were unable to stem the *Dutchmen's* tide.

The *Goldmen*, in their next outing were stunned by Midwood, 67-64, in one of the year's biggest upsets. The narrow loss mathematically eliminated Tilden from playoff consideration.

Billy Goldstein, with an excellent showing, scored 26 points for Tilden and hauled in close to two dozen rebounds. Bobby Kranz hit 15 until injured, while Richie Eigen scored nine, Wayne Rosen and Kamin, six apiece.

### TILDEN (64)

	F.G.	F.T.	Pts.
Goldstein	11	4	26
Kranz	5	5	15
Eigen	3	3	9
Rosen	2	2	6
Kamin	3	0	6
Lampert	1	0	2
Totals	25	14	64

### MIDWOOD (67)

	F.G.	F.T.	Pts.
Hellman	11	6	28
Spalter	5	0	10
Kushnick	2	5	9
Markey	2	4	8
Mirken	1	1	3
Salmonson	2	5	9
Totals	23	21	67



UP AND OUT: *Blue Devils* battle under the boards against Midwood.

Tilden, down 31-28 at the half, battled back to deadlock it 50-50 after the third period. Midwood surged on in the final period to take the contest, despite the great play of Goldstein, who scored on a variety of shots. Still, the *Blue Devils* would probably have won it, if Bobby Kranz had not been hurt coming down with a rebound. As he did, "Birdie" fell and hit his head on the floor, opening up a sizable gash. The untimely loss of their star playmaker brought Tilden's attack to an abrupt halt.

## Tilden Beats Grady, 58-31

TILDEN (58)	G.	F.	P.	GRADY (31)	G.	F.	P.
Eigen	8	5	21	Thomas	3	9	15
Rosen	2	5	9	Jones	4	3	11
Goldstein	3	1	7	Alston	1	0	2
Kranz	3	1	7	Homiak	1	1	3
Mirkin	3	0	6	Rios	0	0	0
Kamin	2	0	4				
Bain	2	0	4				
Totals	23	12	58	Totals	9	13	31

## Goldmen Split Final Contests; Overcome Grady, Lose to Lane

Alexander Hamilton forfeited their scheduled February 10 league game to the *Goldmen*, thereby giving Tilden a 10-5 season record. In its place, the *Blue Devils* took on Lane. Leading from the second quarter on, the Queens school coasted to a 77-46 triumph.

John Donaldson led all scorers with 19 points, but a host of others also hit double figures: Randy Richardson, Glenn Davis, Clyde Felder, and John Mozley. Wayne Rosen, hitting well from outside, paced Tilden with 12 points, and Richie Eigen hit 8, but the *Goldmen* were handicapped by the absences of backcourtters Bob Kranz and Arnold Schanker from the lineup.

In their final league battle of the year, Tilden cakewalked to a 58-31 drubbing over Grady. The triumph left Tilden with an 11-6 season log. Richie Eigen, who has made great strides during the year, used his great shooting eye to fine advantage and accumulated 21 points, while grabbing 14 rebounds. Billy Goldstein brought down 19 rebounds.

## Football Team Has Dinner at Seniors'

By Robert Silver

The 1960 Tilden football team held its annual dinner at Senior's Restaurant on February 2. Guest speakers of the evening included Ben Schwartzwalder, Syracuse University Football Coach, Jimmy Murphy, sports columnist for the *World-Telegram*, Mr. Ernie Bley, and our principal, Mr. Margolis.

After the speeches were concluded, coaches Bernie Mars and Murray Adler presented trophies, awards, and footballs to the boys who had brought themselves and the school glory during the past season. Among the recipients were: Ronnie Bley, Jeff Bruckenstein, Charley Bridges, Willie Bright, Barry Kraft, Jay Kranis, Howie Margolis, George Pena, Harvey Rubin, Al Sachs, Arnie Said, Marty Senall, Steve Small, Morty Stahl, Al Weitz, and head manager Ernie Litz. Pena was named top lineman; Bley, M.V.P.

As the final highlight of the evening, films of last year's Boys High and Jeff games were shown, thereby concluding the festivities.

## Through the Hoop

Rated by many experts the best backcourter in New York's PSAL basketball circles, Tilden's Bobby Kranz has been the major bright spot in a season that has seen the *Blue Devils* fail in their quest for a second consecutive PSAL playoff berth.

Bobby, a 5'10" junior whiz, is averaging 20 points, despite the fact he has been hampered by a bad ankle most of the season and a gashed head, suffered in the recent Midwood game. If it has slowed Bobby up, it hasn't shown. With his fantastically deadly outside jump shot, sharp, alert play making ability, and all around excellence, he has been the number one player on the team all season and has a good chance for first team All-City at the end of the year.



Birdie, as he is known to teammates and friends, has hit his high games this season against two tough teams, Wingate and Erasmus, with 30 and 25 respectively. Last year, he was extremely valuable to the squad and made third team All-City. In two key games with Erasmus he fired in 39 points, to lead Tilden to a playoff berth in the Garden, where he scored 13 points to aid the *Blue Devils* in a victory over Washington. Bobby's high game last year was a 23 point performance against always dangerous Lane, and his final two points were the difference as Tilden won a 60-58 double overtime victory.

One of the hardest working players on the squad, 6'3" senior Billy Mirkin makes up in hustle and extra effort for what he lacks in natural ability.

Billy, although a senior, has had very little basketball experience, since he made the team in the middle of last season. But you couldn't tell it out on the court, where he uses his head at all times and shows plenty of basketball savvy. An aggressive player, "Turk" is one of the ablest rebounders on the team and is strong defensively. While he is not a prolific scorer, Billy played very well in the first Erasmus game, scoring 11 points.

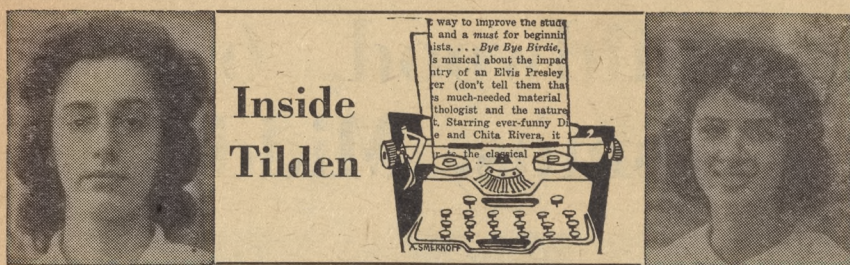


Billy's moment of glory came in this season's Jeff game, which Tilden took in double overtime 70-69. During the second half, with Billy Goldstein riding the bench because of foul trouble, he came to the rescue and did a fine job on the boards. In addition, he scored the winning basket on a neat driving layup.

Coach Jerry Gold has said of Billy, "Few people realize he has little experience, yet, to be truthful, he's doing a much better job than I thought he would do before the season began."

This typifies the general admiration for the great progress that Billy has made in his basketball career. It is a rare person indeed who can make up so much in so short a time.





## Inside Tilden

By Susan Rothberg and Aurora Vitale

*Il n'y a que le premier pas qui coûte.*

*Every beginning is hard.*

Time passes, bringing changes. This term the masculine member of this column's duo has been exchanged for a feminine one. Both of us are Seniors and have moved up in the *Topics*' world. Hence, from the heights of our Ivory-Tower-Near-the-Pool we want to tell you there have been . . .

### Faculty Additions

Welcome to Miss Phyllis Gormenzano, Mr. Seymour Jerome and Mr. Herman Wolfe, recent additions to our English Department. We hope they like it here and remain to grade many exam papers!

### Gone But Not Forgotten

Good luck with future plans to Miss Mary Campbell and Mrs. Grimaldi, both of the Secretarial Studies Department and Mr. Ben Menzes of the Physical Science Department, who have retired. Miss Campbell and Mrs. Grimaldi plan to travel, while Mr. Menzes is going to pursue his various hobbies. Mrs. Sarah Steinhardt of the Language Department is on a sabbatical leave and plans to travel throughout Europe.

### There've Been Some Changes Made

Replacing Miss Campbell in the Guidance Department is Mr. Edward Gold of the English Department. Mr. Gold was the faculty advisor of Arista for the past six years. Mrs. Mary Bernstein of the Language Department is the new Arista faculty advisor, replacing Mr. Gold (confusing, isn't it?). Mrs. Jennie Stanger, another language teacher, is replacing Mrs. Sarah Steinhardt as a guidance counselor. We wish them all good luck in their respective positions.

### Yanks vs. Rebels

The themes of this year's annual Aristonian Neophyte Sing was the "Blue vs. Gray" or "Yank vs. Rebels," fitting in with the Civil War Centennial. Reversing history, the "Rebels," led by chairman Sonia Katz and choral leader Charles Sanford, were victorious.

### In Addition

Omitted from last issue's story on the new *Topics* editors were the names of our Copy Editors, Andrea Greenberg and Sharon Yellin. How could we ever forget them?

### Is There a Book in the House?

Justin Schiller, 8H, one of the leading teenage bibliophiles, is interested in purchasing any books published before 1800. Students having such books, and willing to sell them, should write the title, and the publication date on a slip of paper, and give it to Justin in the *Topics* office, Room 118, during the 8th period.

### Scholarship Alternates

Alternates for the New York State Regents Scholarships in this school are: Leslie Bergon, David Bienstock, Rosalie Brusca, Arnold Diamond, Judy Dobkins, Miriam Engelsohn, Marilyn Falchok, Joel Fox, Barry Friedman, Richard Gluckman, Lawrence Gottlieb, Bernard Hoffman, Edward Jacoby, Georgiana Jahelka, George Kachmar, Gerald Korb, Barbara Krasner, Ira Kurland, William Mackey, William Messing, Arlene Miller, Robert Olshansky, Steven Raison, Ronald Rosengart, Harvey Rubin, Laura Smith, Barbara Smolansky, Annette Smolowitz, Martin Spiegler, Lorraine Spielvogel, Diane Turk, Joel Vatsky, Kenneth Winaker, and Leonard Zwerling. Alternates for the Nursing Scholarships are Ellen Grady and Jane Kelly. We wish you all good luck!

### Any Noses for News?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the *Tilden Topics*' illustrious (ahem!) staff, your chance has arrived. We are organizing a cub reporter class. All journalism buffs see the bulletin board (118).

Now that we have run out of space, information, (and ideas), there is nothing more to say except see you next issue—*Inside Tilden*.



Phyllis Gormenzano



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## Author Corresponds With Tildenite

Geraldine Eckhouse, a *Tilden* sophomore, has been corresponding with Arnold Syme, the famous author of children's biographies and adventure stories, for the past three years. The interesting story of her friendship with the celebrated English author has recently appeared in the *New York Times*.

Arnold Syme, the forty-six year old resident of Rorotonga, an island in the South Pacific, is now the husband of a sixteen year old Polynesian Princess. The Princess can spear a fish at ten feet and is the island's tennis champion. His thirty-six year old mother-in-law could more than likely be his wife in the States.

### Low Cost of Living

The inhabitants of the island enjoy a relatively lower cost of living than is possible in modern society. Through correspondence, Gerry has gained insight into a world quite alien from ours. The islanders pick their food from trees, catch it in the sea, and live well with the assistance of nature. Their lives are more relaxed and less complicated than ours. She has learned of such people as Spider Webb, a 71 year old inhabitant, who is married to a 17 year old native.

Mr. Syme visits New York, San Francisco, and England every two years to see his publishers. He plans to meet Gerry on his next visit.

Gerry exchanges many gifts with the Symes. Her lovely treasures include a grass skirt, some material made by the family and two of his novels. Geraldine Eckhouse has gained considerable knowledge and an interesting friendship from a correspondence started because her sixth grade teacher suggested her students write to the author whose book they had enjoyed. *Jo-Ann Rothman*

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## Language And History Depts. Join In Faculty Publications

Tilden's celebrated teacher, who has co-authored his first book, is none other than Mr. David K. Rothstein, who has taught Social Studies at two leading municipal colleges and Boys High, and has served as research assistant to such noted historians as Prof. Philip C. Jessup and Allan Nevins.

The new book is called *The Centennial Album of The Civil War*, published by Thomas Yoseloff, and co-authored by Dr. William J. Ryan. The book contains brief biographies and 108 original portraits done by Mr. Marvin H. Pakula, consisting of the well-known generals of both the Union and Confederate armies. Incidentally, Mr. Rothstein was a former student of Dr. Ryan, who taught history at Boys High School.

tained both his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Columbia University, where he was chosen as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Mr. Pasner has just penned two books; the first is a translation of a book entitled *The Mirror of Life*, the autobiography of Mrs. Fannie Edelman, where—as one newspaper stated—"his version is warm and alive with humor and compassion." The second is entitled *The Yiddish-English Letter Writer*, constituting a great linguistic talent on his behalf, and although it has just been published in New York, it has already reached many other cities situated all around the globe.

Mr. Pasner is an accomplished linguist, possessing a knowledge of many various tongues, and has appeared on numerous occasions on radio and



David Rothstein



Samuel Pasner

This work on the Civil War involved research in many depositories throughout the country, including the Library of Congress, the National Archives, the New York Public Library and the New York Historical Society, which allowed the co-authors, Mr. Rothstein and Dr. Ryan, to draw constantly on their invaluable private collections.

From our Language Department also comes a writer, whose talent in the past has written *Drill Exercises In French*, many model answers in various subjects for published Regents Review-books, and numerous widely-published articles. The author's name is Mr. Samuel Pasner, who ob-

as a speaker in various languages. He is also in demand as a public speaker before many organizations, his latest being at the Hapoel Hamzrachi of East Flatbush Congregation. Mr. Pasner is also affiliated with several organizations, including the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, which, recently, elected him as their Recording Secretary.

It is hoped that both Mr. David K. Rothstein and Mr. Samuel Pasner will have the best of luck in their new undertakings, and that all three works will become national tributes to two fine teachers.

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